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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Williams et al.

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CONDUCTIVE STRUCTURES FOR
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR
FABRICATING SAME

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This Amendment follows the final Office Action of October 30, 2008, the shortened statutory period for response to which expires on January 30, 2009. This Amendment is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action.

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